

In the Specification:

On Page 8, please replace paragraphs 2 (beginning in line 5) and 3 (beginning in line 8) with the following amended paragraphs:

--It is further appreciated that, preferably, at least two continuous recesses 62, 72 are dimensioned to resealably mate with hooks 44, 54, and ~~or at least two continuous recesses recess~~ 74, 84 ~~are~~ is dimensioned to resealably mate with hooks 42, 52.

In another variant of the invention, at least one continuous recess on each respective profile strip is not dimensioned to mate with a respective hook, but rather dimensioned to tightly fit into a recess that is substantially congruent to a profile member. It is appreciated that when first protuberance member 56 is inserted into recess 84, the tight fit between the first protuberance member 56 and the recess 84 also creates an additional substantially airtight and watertight seal. The interaction between the other recesses and members causes a similar result with the combination of the interaction of the various hooks, recesses, and members creating a substantially leak-proof failsafe seal. Of course, it is further appreciated that while the geometry of the members as shown in Figure 1 is of a mono-hooked rib geometry, any type of geometry or configuration can be used, e.g., a rectangular geometry, a triangular geometry, etc. The fastener 10 of the present invention provides for at least one protuberance along a length of each of the first and second profile strips 12, 14 dimensioned to fit securely in one of the continuous recesses on each of the profile strips, and not dimensioned to mate with one of the hooks 42, 52, 44, 54. In the present embodiment, the first protuberances protuberance member 56, second protuberance member 66, third protuberance member 76, fourth protuberance member 86 and fifth protuberance member 96, as extruded, have a rounded tip 57, a concave tail 59, and a generally upstanding neck 61 connecting the tip and tail. The tip is dimensioned to snuggly

communicate with a corresponding recess to add to airtight and watertight qualities of the fastener 10. It is also appreciated that a protuberance 96 formed at the end of a profile strip will have a partially concave tail 63.--

On Page 9, please replace paragraphs 2 (beginning in line 7) with the following amended paragraphs:

--Figure 3 shows a dimensioned reclosable fastener strip in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. Hooks 42, 44, 52 and 54 have a head portion 42a, 44a, 52a, and 54a, each having a cross-sectional dimension A, and a neck portion 42b, 44b, 52b and 54b, each having cross-sectional dimension B. Protuberance members 46, 56, 66, 76, 86 and 96 each have dimension C and ridges 48, 58, 68, 78, 88, 98, 108 and 118 each have dimension D. Table 1 shows the preferred values for measurements A, B, C, D:

Table 1

Label	Measurement (inches)
A	0.024 ± 0.0024
B	0.018 ± 0.0018
C	0.013 ± 0.0013
D	0.019 ± 0.0019

Table 1 expresses values A, B, C and D as ranges to take into account for manufacturing tolerances.--